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U.S.A. v. Arcelia Hernandez-Velazquez, 19 CR 0306 (WFK)  
Case Number 2020-1001-000112-01 EF

Dear Ms. Lee and Reid and Mr. Nagle:

My client, Ms. Arcelia Hernandez-Velazquez, has received a "Notice of Seizure and Information to Claimants CAFRA Form," dated November 26, 2019. Since the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York is prosecuting her in the above captioned case, I request that the civil forfeiture be held in abeyance until the completion of that criminal prosecution.

Sincerely,

/s/

Douglas G. Morris

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cc: Clerk of the Court  
Ms. Arcelia Hernandez-Velazquez